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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

## TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

CHARLESTON – Charleston's Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Service (SACIS) and members of Eastern Illinois University's Women's Advocacy Council and the community will gather at the Campus Pond Pavilion at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, to lead a candlelight "Take Back the Night" march and rally as part of a continuing national effort to highlight the importance of assuring that people are safe in and out of their homes.

All members of the community -- adults and children -- are encouraged to participate in the march.

The march will depart from the Campus Pond Pavilion at 7 p.m. and wind its way down Fourth Street to Lincoln Avenue, past Old Main to the Quad, on to Taylor and back to the Campus Pond Pavilion where a program of music, poetry and a "speak-out" will take place.

"Take Back the Night activities," says Bonnie Buckley, director of SACIS, "gives people the opportunity to voice the pain that abuse has caused them."

"Take Back the Night" activities began eight years ago as part of a national effort to

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highlight the need for communities to actively get involved in reducing domestic and other violence in their communities.

For more information, call Bonnie Buckley at 348-5033.